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Letter dated 28 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the English and French versions of a declaration of the European Union on the events in Hebron (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

[Original: English and French]

Declaration of the European Union on the events in Hebron

The European Union expresses profound indignation at the bloodshed which took place in Hebron yesterday, leaving many Palestinians dead and wounded.

The European Union strongly condemns all acts of violence and extends its sincere condolences to the families of the victims.

While noting that the events have been condemned by the Israeli Government, the European Union holds that the authorities in the occupied territories must take full responsibility for protecting the inhabitants; the Union also calls for a full and immediate inquiry into the circumstances of the massacre.

The tragic events in Hebron highlight once again the importance of the peace process; there must be no undermining or delay of that process.

The European Union calls upon the parties to refuse to allow themselves to be drawn into a spiral of violence and to step up their efforts to speed up the process that has been started.